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1. SUMMARY: SINCE LAST REPORTING CABLE (ATHENS 6052),
ONE POV BURNED, ANOTHER DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION, TWO ATTEMPTED
BURNINGS OF PRIVATE AUTOS MISCARRIED, AND OTHERS SUFFERED
MINOR DAMAGES FROM ROCK THROWING, TIRE SLASHING, ETC.
PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY ALTERCATION BETWEEN U.S. AIRMAN
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AND BARTENDER IN GLYFADA WHEN FORMER AND HIS CAR

RESCUED BY POLICE FROM EMOTIONAL ONLOOKERS. THREE HOMEPORTED SHIPS OF SIXTH FLEET ON LIBERTY CALL HAVE NOT REPORTED UNUSUAL INCIDENTS AND MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER ASSURED U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL OF FULL COOPERATION FROM ATHENS POLICE FORCE. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEGUN TO DOWNPLAY ANTI-AMERICANISM. SEVERAL PAPERS CRITICIZED U.S. EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE DENYING ALLEGATION THAT U.S. AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. DAMAGE TO PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES CONTINUED OVER WEEKEND WITH ONE CAR BURNED BELONGING TO NEA MAKRI SERVICEMAN, ANOTHER DAMAGED WHEN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE BLEW OUT WINDSHIELD AND FLAMES BURNED FRONT SEAT. TWO OTHER ATTEMPTS AT BURNING CARS APPARENTLY MISCARRIED WHEN OWNERS DISCOVERED CARS DOUSED WITH INFLAMMABLE FLUID BUT WITHOUT IGNITION TAKING PLACE. OTHER INCIDENTS WERE RELATIVELY MINOR, TIRES SLASHED ON ONE CAR, BRICK THROWN AT ANOTHER BREAKING WINDSHIELD, AND ONE OFFICIAL CAR FORCED OFF ROAD BY GREEK-LICENSED CAR WITH WOMAN AT WHEEL.

3. ALL NEWSPAPERS REPORTED ANGRY CROWD THREATENED TO LYNCH U.S. AIRMAN AND BURN HIS CAR FOLLOWING BAR QUARREL. ATHENS POLICE INTERVENED. PRESS REPORTED GREEK-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S INTENTION TO DISSOLVE IF "ANTI-GREEK" POLICY OF U.S. CONTINUES. NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRIED REPORT OF REQUEST BY UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO CLOSE CABARETS IN CLYFADA "FREQUENTED BY MEMBERS OF UNDERWORLD, PROSTITUTES AND BY AMERICANS."

4. THREE HOMEPORTED DESTROYERS ON LIBERTY VISIT HAVE INCREASED U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL IN AREA, BUT NO INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER OFFICIAL ASSURED U.S. NAVY THAT MINISTRY HAD ORDERED FULL COOPERATION OF LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN INCIDENTS AGAINST AMERICANS HAS RISEN.

5. PRESS HAS SHIFTED FOCUS FROM ANTI-AMERICANISM WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS, CONCENTRATING REPORTING AND COMMENTARY ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS. ONLY APOGEVMATINI CARRIED EDITORIAL ON U.S. NATO RELATIONSHIP, INDICATING NATO IS NOTHING MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAN BRANCH OF U.S. DEFENSE SYSTEM. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED U.S. EMBASSY DENIAL OF ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS CRISIS, QUOTING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT OF AUGUST 22 "RUBBISH".
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